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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS - MESSAGE FOR PRINCE FAHD

AND KING KHALID

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO PRINCE
SAUD FOR PRINCE FAHD AND KING KHALID:

2. BEGIN TEXT:

YOUR MAJESTY:

I AM PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS
BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL, IN WHICH WE HAVE BEEN ASSISTING
THE PARTIES AT THEIR REQUEST, HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY
CONCLUDED. IT WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY IN EGYPT,
ISRAEL AND WASHINGTON THAT AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THEM WILL
BE INITIALED ON MON SEP 1, AND SIGNED LATER IN THE
WEEK IN GENEVA. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO PARTIES WILL
THEN WORK OUT IN THE MILITARY WORKING GROUP OF THE
GENEVA CONFERENCE A PROTOCOL FOR IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE AGREEMENT, UPON SIGNATURE OF WHICH LATER IN
SEPTEMBER THE AGREEMENT WILL ENTER INTO EFFECT.

UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT, ISRAEL WILL

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WITHDRAW FROM THE SINAI PASSES AND OIL FIELDS, AND BOTH

PARTIES AGREE NOT TO RESORT TO FORCE AND TO CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE A FINAL PEACE SETTLEMENT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 338. THEY HAVE ALSO AGREED TO A PROPOSAL, WHICH MUST BE APPROVED BY OUR CONGRESS, WHEREBY THEY WILL ENTRUST TO THE UNITED STATES AN EARLY WARNING SYSTEM IN THE AREA OF THE SINAI PASSES. THE UNITED STATES WILL MAKE AVAILABLE CIVILIAN PERSONNEL NOT TO EXCEED 200 IN NUMBER FOR THIS PURPOSE.

I BELIEVE YOUR MAJESTY WILL AGREE THAT THIS AGREEMENT CONSTITUTES A FURTHER SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARD A JUST AND LASTING PEACE FOR ALL THE NATIONS AND PEOPLES OF THE MIDDLE EAST. WE FULLY RECOGNIZE THAT IT MUST BE FOLLOWED BY EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS ON THE OTHER ASPECTS OF A FINAL SETTLEMENT, INCLUDING EFFORTS TO PROMOTE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL. IT IS OUR FIRM INTENTION TO REMAIN ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE PEACE-MAKING PROCESS, HOWEVER DIFFICULT THAT MAY BE. IN SO DOING I AM CERTAIN THAT WE CAN COUNT UPON THE CONTINUED STRONG SUPPORT OF SAUDI ARABIA FOR THE CAUSES OF MODERATION, PEACE AND PROGRESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. YOUR ACTIVE SUPPORT AND INVOLVEMENT HAVE BEEN ESSENTIAL IN ENABLING PRESIDENT SADAT TO PURSUE HIS WISE POLICY AND YOUR INFLUENCE IS EQUALLY CONSTRUCTIVE AND IMPORTANT WITH OTHERS.

ISRAEL UNDERSTANDS THAT THIS PROCESS MUST CONTINUE TO GO FORWARD. I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THIS POINT IN PARTICULAR, BECAUSE I KNOW HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO ALL OUR FRIENDS IN THE ARAB WORLD WHO HAVE PLACED THEIR CONFIDENCE IN US AND IN OUR EFFORTS TO HELP BRING ABOUT A COMPREHENSIVE, JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN YOUR AREA. PRESIDENT FORD IS DETERMINED TO CONTINUE TO WORK FOR THIS OBJECTIVE AND I BELIEVE WE SHALL HAVE THE BROAD SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND CONGRESS IN OUR EFFORTS. IT IS MY HOPE AND BELIEF THAT THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL WILL HAVE A POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL IMPACT ON ATTITUDES BOTH IN AMERICA AND IN THE MIDDLE
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EAST AND WILL CONTRIBUTE MEASURABLY TO GENERATING NEW MOMENTUM TOWARD PEACE.

I LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING ALL THESE MATTERS AS WELL AS OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS PERSONALLY WITH YOUR MAJESTY WHEN I VISIT TAIF TO WHICH, AS ALWAYS, I LOOK FORWARD WITH PARTICULAR PLEASURE.

WARM PERSONAL REGARDS,

HENRY A. KISSINGER

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